

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1524
ANSWERED ON:27.02.2003
PRACTICE OF CARRYING NIGHT SOIL
RASA SINGH RAWAT

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have made any efforts to get the information regarding the number of people engaged in the practice of carrying night soil on head in Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the number of such people have decline on account of the measures taken by the Government to improve the condition of Safai karamchari and the abolition of the said practice;
- (d) if so, the State-wise details thereof;
- (e) the item-wise funds spent for their rehabilitation in Rajasthan during the last three year; and
- (f) the contribution of the Central Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN)

(a) & (b) A census survey was conducted in the year 2000-01 in which 12,613 scavengers and their dependents were identified in Rajasthan. Similarly, number of scavengers engaged in manual scavenging in Madhya Pradesh is 80,072.

(c) & (d) As a result of various measures taken by the Government to abolish the practice the manual scavenging, 4,08,972 scavengers and their dependents have so far been rehabilitated out of 6,76,009 identified scavengers and their dependents. State-wise details are enclosed at Annexure-I.

(e) The details are as under :

(Rs.in lakhs)

Year	Training	Rehabilitation	Kiosks	Total
1999-2000	0.49	35.13		35.62
2000-2001	1.62	34.55		36.17
2001-2002	20.43	49.15	62.10	131.68

(f) Under the National Scheme of Liberation and Rehabilitation of Scavengers and their dependents (NSLRS), Central Government released Rs.1661.79 lakhs on 29th March, 2000 to Rajasthan.

Annexure-I

Statement referred in reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.1524 for 27.02.2003 raised by Shri Rasa Singh Rawat, MP regarding 'Practice of Carrying Night Soil'

S.No. Name of the State No. of scavengers Rehabilitated

1	Andhra Pradesh	30921	28167
2	Assam	40413	1594

3	Bihar	12226	285	
4	Gujarat	64195	11653	
5	Haryana	36362	15558	
6	Himachal Pradesh	4757	2023	
7	Jammu & Kashmir	4150	211	
8	Karnataka	14555	11847	
9	Kerala	1339	141	
10	Madhya Pradesh +	80072	80755	
11	Maharashtra	64785	19086	
12	Orissa	35049	10681	
13	Punjab ++	531	2988	
14	Rajasthan	57736	14169	
15	Tamil Nadu	35561	23687	
16	Uttar Pradesh +++	149202	180719	
17	West Bengal	23852	2338	
18	Delhi	17420	2941	
19	Nagaland	1800	0	
20	Meghalaya	607	0	
21	Pondicherry	476	129	

Total 676009 408972

+ The old figure is 14,283.

++ The figure of undivided Madhya Pradesh stands at 93,394.

+++ The new figure is 40, 227 as per the survey conducted by SUDA from 15.8.2001 to 16.9.2001.